

CITY MIXED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE 2010

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

- A. The name of this league shall be known as the CITY MIXED SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE.
- B. This league shall be governed by the ATHLETIC DIRECTOR and Recreation Supervisors of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- C. League games shall be played under the Official Softball Rules of the current year as prepared by the Softball Nation except for noted exceptions.

ARTICLE II – LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- A. The City Mixed Slow Pitch Softball League is made up of 14 teams.

ARTICLE III – SCHEDULE AND TIME

- A. Each team will play a regular season schedule of 11 games.
- B. The opening date for league play is Tuesday, May 1. Games will be played at Ramblewood Fields. Tuesday night will be regular league night.
- C. All games will be played as scheduled. Our facilities are booked solid, thus not allowing for the switching of games.
- D. GAME TIME: First Game: 6:30 p.m., second game five minutes after first game but not before 7:30 p.m. The umpire will establish the official time for each game before the start of each game.
- E. For the first game, the home team will be off the field at 6:15 to allow visitors ten minutes of warm up time. Visiting team must be off at 6:25 p.m.
- F. Pitcher gets one warm up pitch between innings.
- G. No infield between innings.
- H. The slaughter rule will be: 20 runs after 3 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings and 10 runs after 5 innings.
- I. A 3-2 count will be used for each batter. The 2nd foul ball after strike one will be an out.
- J. Two (2) homerun limit.
- K. Five minute forfeit time, 1 hour time limit.

ARTICLE IV – POLICY ON POSTPONED GAMES

- A. Decision on postponements are usually not made until 4:00p.m. All postponements made between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. are reported to local radio stations. WHENEVER IN DOUBT, REPORT TO BALL PARK. Department's softball information line is 434-2139.
- B. It is the manager's responsibility to find out about rainouts and rescheduled games. Rainouts will be rescheduled on the first available Wednesday night.

ARTICLE V – PLAYER AND TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- A. Minimum of 15 players and a maximum of 25 players on team rosters.
- B. Players on rosters must work (full time) for sponsoring business or be a member of sponsoring club, church or live in the City of Harrisonburg or County of Rockingham. (the Athletic Director will make the final decision in determining residential requirement). Four free agents will be allowed at a fee of \$25.00 each.
- C. Husband or wife of player who meets eligibility requirements under article V-B shall be considered eligible.
- D. A college student must be a resident of the city unless listed on roster as a free agent.
- E. No player is eligible if he or she has not attained the age of 17 by league starting date.
- F. Contracts and rosters must be turned in by the first game. Rosters must be typed with names and addresses on official roster form. Also, state if player is employed by sponsoring firm or member of church or club or resident of the City of Harrisonburg or Rockingham County. Designate Free Agents on roster.
- G. Players may be added to roster up to June 25 if they meet eligibility requirements. No players may be added to roster after this date.

ARTICLE VI – SPECIAL RULES FOR MIXED LEAGUE

- A. No metal cleats will be allowed. Anyone found using metal cleats will be ejected from the game but may play the next game if proper shoes are worn.
- B. Teams on the field must be made up of 5 men and 5 women in alternating positions in the field and batting order.
- C. If a man draws a walk, the next woman batter has the option to be walked.
- D. The League will follow Softball Nation Rules.

ARTICLE VII – PLAYER AND TEAM REQUIREMENTS

- A. Franchise fee for this league shall be \$300.00. Checks must be from sponsoring firm or organization and made payable to Department of Parks and Recreation.
- B. Uniform jerseys are to be worn by each player
- C. A team must have 10 players to start or continue a game.
- D. Home team shall be the last name of team appearing on schedule.
- E. Home team scorebook is the official scorebook in each game.
- F. Only authorized personnel allowed in bench area.

ARTICLE VIII – UMPIRE AND DEPARTMENT DUTIES

- A. Two new balls will be issued each game, one women's ball and one men's ball. The home team will keep this ball and use it for the second ball of their next home game. The official game ball will be a .44 core, color yellow.
- B. The Recreation Department or umpire will decide if the field is playable.

ARTICLE IX – CONDUCT AND FORFEITS

- A. TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT ALL THEIR RELATIONS WITH OTHER TEAMS AND THE GAME OFFICIALS IN A SPIRIT OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
- B. NO PROFANITY OR MISCONDUCT WILL TAKE PLACE ON OR AROUND THE PLAYING FIELD DURING THE GAME, BEFORE OR AFTER A GAME. IF PROFANITY OR MISCONDUCT OF ANY PLAYER OCCURS, THIS PLAYER WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME AND COULD BE SUSPENDED FROM LEAGUE PLAY. IF SECOND OFFENSE OCCURS ON SAME PLAYER, THIS PLAYER WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON AND HIS TEAM WILL LOSE THIS GAME BY FORFEIT.
- C. TWO FORFEITS, FOR FAILURE TO FIELD ENOUGH PLAYERS TO START A GAME MAY AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFY A TEAM FROM THE LEAGUE AT THE TIME OF THE SECOND FORFEIT. THIS DISQUALIFICATION WILL BE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AND WILL ALSO INCLUDE A FORFEITURE OF TEAM'S FRANCHISE FEE. THE MANAGER OF THE TEAM INVOLVED HOWEVER, MAY APPEAL THIS IN WRITING WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR. HE WILL REVIEW THE CASE AND MAKE THE FINAL DECISION.
- D. MANAGERS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF PLAYERS ON FIELD AT ALL TIMES.
- F. ANYONE EJECTED FROM A GAME MAY BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO ADDITIONAL GAMES - exception: shoe ejection.

ARTICLE X – PROTESTS

- A. Procedure for protest must be followed as stated in the Official Softball league Rules for the current year. Formal protest must be in writing and presented to league office within 24 hours. The Recreation Athletic Director and Recreation Supervisor will rule on all protests.

ARTICLE XI – PLAYOFFS AND AWARDS

- A. Playoffs – All nine teams will play a double elimination tournament for the league championship. All ties will be decided by head to head competition.
- B. Team winning regular season championship will receive a team trophy. The team winning the playoffs will have their choice of individual or a team trophy. Runner-up in playoffs will receive a team trophy. Teams receiving awards must contact office within 2 weeks after last night of playoffs.